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**EBB 332/4 – Whiteware and Glasses**  
**[Tembikar dan Kaca]**

Duration : 3 hours  
[Masa : 3 jam]

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Please ensure that this examination paper contains NINE printed pages before you begin the examination.

*[Sila pastikan bahawa kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi SEMBILAN muka surat yang bercetak sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan ini.]*

This paper contains THREE questions from PART A and FOUR questions from PART B.

*[Kertas soalan ini mengandungi TIGA soalan dari BAHAGIAN A dan EMPAT soalan dari BAHAGIAN B.]*

**Instruction:** Answer **TWO** questions from **PART A**, **TWO** questions from **PART B** and **ONE** question from any part. If candidate answers more than five questions only the first five questions answered in the answer script would be examined.

**[Arahan:** Jawab **DUA** soalan dari **BAHAGIAN A**, **DUA** soalan dari **BAHAGIAN B** dan **SATU** soalan dari mana-mana bahagian. Jika calon menjawab lebih daripada lima soalan hanya lima soalan pertama mengikut susunan dalam skrip jawapan akan diberi markah.]

Answer to any question must start on a new page.

*[Mulakan jawapan anda untuk setiap soalan pada muka surat yang baru.]*

You may answer a question either in Bahasa Malaysia or in English.

*[Anda dibenarkan menjawab soalan sama ada dalam Bahasa Malaysia atau Bahasa Inggeris.]*

**PART A / BAHAGIAN A**

1. [a] Describe the chemical and physical reaction that occur when hemihydrate (plaster of paris) is added to water.

*Terangkan tindakbalas kimia dan fizikal yang berlaku ketika hemihidrat (plaster paris) ditambah ke dalam air.*

(30 marks/markah)

- [b] 2 (Two) ratios of water to plaster (P.O.P) are used to make different types of whiteware moulds, XM and YM as shown below:

| Mixture | Water (ml) | P.O.P(g) |
|---------|------------|----------|
| XM      | 100        | 120      |
| YM      | 150        | 110      |

Discuss the possible properties expected of moulds XM and YM respectively. Based on the properties discussed, indicate their potential application.

*2 (Dua) nisbah air ke plaster (P.O.P) digunakan untuk hasilkan acuan tembikar putih yang berbeza, XM dan YM seperti berikut:*

| Campuran | Air (ml) | P.O.P(g) |
|----------|----------|----------|
| XM       | 100      | 120      |
| YM       | 150      | 110      |

*Bincangkan sifat-sifat yang mungkin terhasil daripada acuan XM dan YM masing-masing. Berdasarkan sifat-sifat yang dibincangkan, apakah potensi kegunaannya.*

(40 marks/markah)

- [c] New moulds typically faces defects such as cracks, sticking to mould and peeling. Discuss why these defects occur and how to minimise the problem.

*Acuan-acuan baru lazimnya berhadapan dengan kecacatan seperti, retakan, pelekatan pada acuan dan umpilan. Bincangkan mengapa kecacatan-kecacatan ini berlaku dan bagaimana masalah ini dapat diminimakan.*

(30 marks/markah)

2. [a] Explain viscosity and thixotropy in slip for casting of sanitaryware. How are they controlled? How are these properties determined? How would thixotropy influence slip casting?

*Terangkan kelikatan dan tiksotropi dalam slip untuk tuangan tembikar sanitari. Bagaimanakah kedua-duanya dikawal? Bagaimana sifat kedua-duanya ditentukan? Bagaimana tiksotropi mempengaruhi tuangan slip?*

(40 marks/markah)

- [b] Explain why minimum viscosity is not required for good casting.

*Terangkan mengapa kelikatan minima tidak diperlukan untuk tuangan yang baik.*

(30 marks/markah)

- [c] Describe hollow casting, battery casting and pressure casting.

*Perihalkan tuangan lohong, tuangan bateri dan tuangan tekanan.*

(30 marks/markah)

3. [a] In plastic forming of tablewares, workability of the raw body is a major influence on the quality of the product. Based on strain rate-stress diagram, explain workability. Discuss 2 factors influencing workability.

*Dalam pembentukan plastik, kebolehkeraan jasad anum adalah satu pengaruh utama ke atas mutu hasilan. Berdasarkan rajah kadar terikan-tegasan, terangkan kebolehkeraan. Bincangkan 2 faktor mempengaruhi kebolehkeraan.*

(40 marks/markah)

- [b] With schematic drawings, describe the jolleying and rollerhead process.

*Dengan bantuan lakaran skematik, terangkan penjelukan dan sumbur reroda.*

(30 marks/markah)

- [c] Discuss the effect of shapes of granules and level of moisture content in granules in dry pressing of floor tiles.

*Bincangkan kesan bentuk granul dan paras kandungan lengasan dalam granul dalam penekanan kering ubin lantai.*

(30 marks/markah)

**PART B / BAHAGIAN B**

4. [a] Discuss the composition of a glass based on the modern theory of glass formation.

*Bincangkan komposisi sesuatu kaca berasaskan teori moden pembentukan kaca.*

(30 marks/markah)

- [b] What are the functions of the following oxides when added to a glass composition:

(i)  $Al_2O_3$

(ii)  $SrO$

(iii)  $B_2O_3$

*Apakah fungsi oksida berikut bila ditambah ke dalam komposisi kaca:*

(i)  $Al_2O_3$

(ii)  $SrO$

(iii)  $B_2O_3$

(30 marks/markah)

- [c] Discuss what is meant by glass melting.

*Bincangkan apa yang dimaksudkan dengan peleburan kaca.*

(40 marks/markah)

5. [a] Describe how thermal stresses are set up in glass products, as opposed to other solids, during manufacture.

*Bincangkan bagaimana tegasan terma diwujudkan dalam hasil kaca sewaktu penghasilan berbanding dengan pepejal lain.*

(40 marks/markah)

- [b] How are these stresses relieved in actual industrial practice.

*Bagaimanakah tegasan ini disingkirkan dalam amalan amalan industri sebenar.*

(20 marks/markah)

- [c] Describe one process each to form a sheet glass and a container glass.

*Perihalkan suatu proses penghasilan kaca keping dan juga kaca bekas.*

(40 marks/markah)

6. [a] Figure 1 is a ternary phase diagram for a  $\text{MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$  system. Describe the cooling of a melt X by noting the following:

- (i) the original composition of X
- (ii) the earliest temperature when crystallization will occur in the melt
- (iii) the first phase that will crystallize out
- (iv) the final crystalline phases at room temperature

*Rajah 1 adalah gambarajah fasa ternari sistem  $\text{MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$ . Perihalkan penyejukan leburan X dengan merujuk khusus:*

- (i) *apakah komposisi asal X*
- (ii) *apakah suhu bermulanya penghabluran*
- (iii) *apakah fasa hablur pertama yang terhasil*
- (iv) *apakah fasa-fasa mutakhir yang terhasil pada suhu bilik*

LiquidusBoundary curves

— known  
 - - - inferred

Isotherms

— known  
 - - - inferred

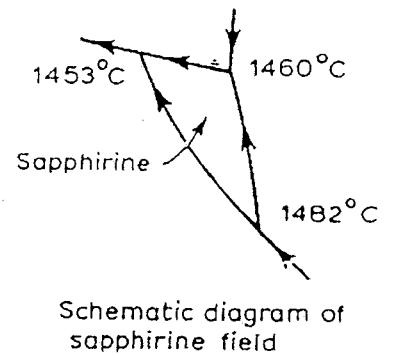
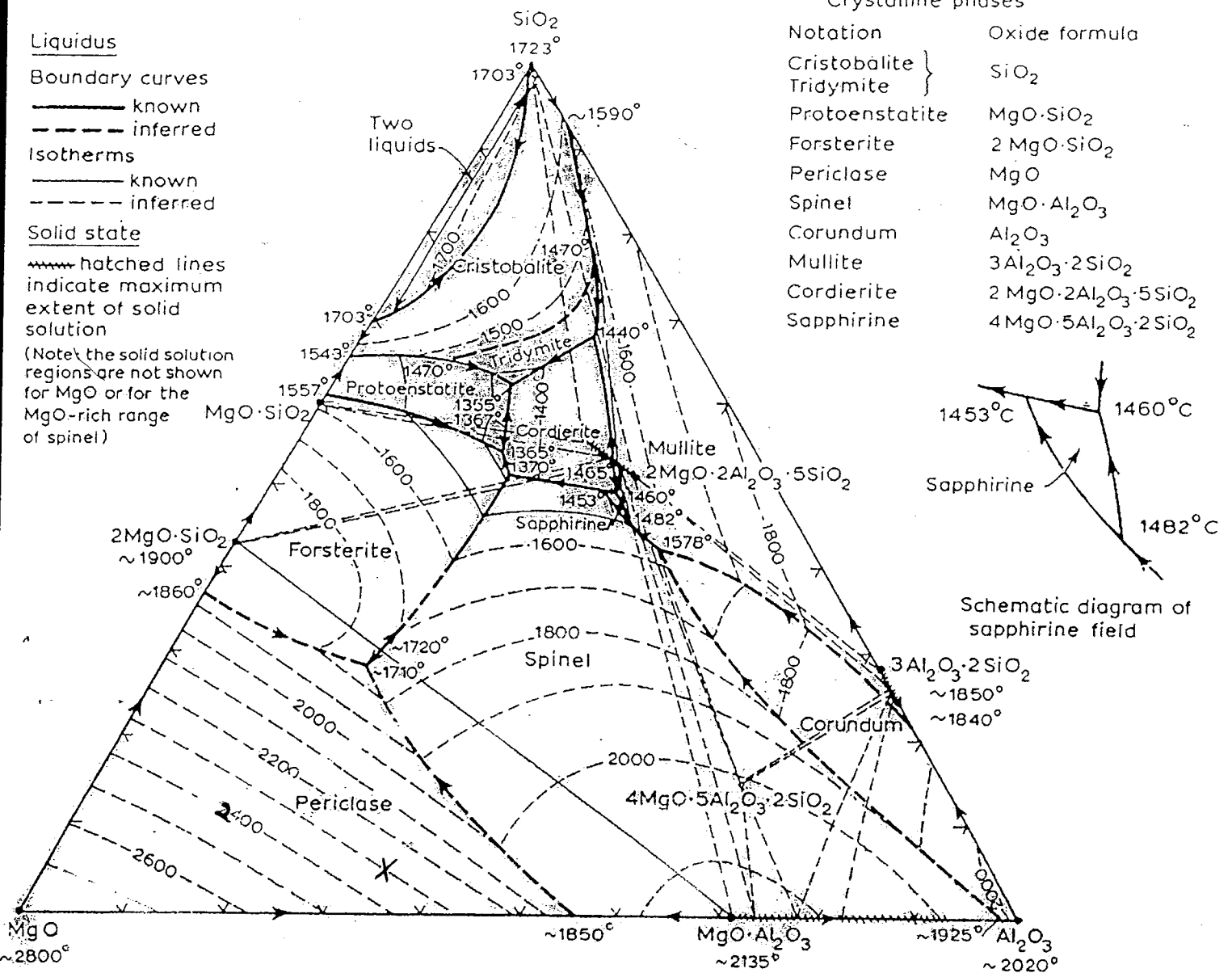
Solid state

hatched lines indicate maximum extent of solid solution

(Note: the solid solution regions are not shown for MgO or for the MgO-rich range of spinel)

Crystalline phases

| Notation       | Oxide formula  |
|----------------|--|
| Cristobalite   | SiO <sub>2</sub>   |
| Tridymite      |  |
| Protoenstatite | MgO·SiO <sub>2</sub>                                       |
| Forsterite     | 2 MgO·SiO <sub>2</sub>                                     |
| Periclase      | MgO  |
| Spinel         | MgO·Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>                         |
| Corundum       | Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>                             |
| Mullite        | 3 Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·2 SiO <sub>2</sub>       |
| Cordierite     | 2 MgO·2 Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·5 SiO <sub>2</sub> |
| Sapphirine     | 4 MgO·5 Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> ·2 SiO <sub>2</sub> |



(40 marks/markah)

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- [b] Glass-ceramic is not just crystallisation in a glass. What is the true meaning of a glass-ceramic material from modern-day perspective?

*Seramik kaca bukan sekadar penghabluran dalam kaca. Apakah yang dimaksudkan dengan seramik kaca sebenar?*

(20 marks/markah)

- [c] Describe how you would plan the production of a glass ceramic material consisting mainly of a cordierite crystalline phase. It may be helpful to include the following in your discussion:

- (i) the raw materials you would use?
- (ii) additive(s) you might add, and why?
- (iii) the production schedule/flow chart
- (iv) what are the advantages of this type of glass-ceramic?

*Perihalkan bagaimana anda merencanakan penghasilan suatu seramik kaca yang mempunyai fasa hablur utama kordierit. Dalam perbincangan anda nyatakan:*

- (i) *apakah bahan mentah yang diperlukan?*
- (ii) *apakah bahan tambah dan kenapa?*
- (iii) *carta alir penghasilan*
- (iv) *apakah kelebihan seramik kaca seumpama ini?*

(40 marks/markah)



7. [a] Describe Griffith's Theory.

*Huraikan tentang Teori Griffith.*

(20 marks/markah)

- [b] Discuss on six (6) factors that influence the actual strength of glasses.

*Bincangkan tentang enam (6) faktor yang mempengaruhi kekuatan sebenar bagi kaca.*

(40 marks/markah)

- [c] Cite the chemical properties of glasses and how these properties influence the quality of the glass produced.

*Nyatakan sifat-sifat kimia kaca dan bagaimanakah sifat-sifat tersebut mempengaruhi mutu kaca yang dihasilkan.*

(40 marks/markah)

